

REMARKS

Claims 1-10, 14 and 15 are pending in the present application. Applicant notes with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter with respect to dependent claims 2-5 and 7-10. Accordingly, Applicant seeks to place the application in condition for allowance.

Applicant has amended claim 2 to incorporate the recitations of claim 1 from which it depends and has canceled claim 1 without prejudice. Dependent claims 3-5 and 14 have been amended to depend from claim 2. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 2-5 and 14 are in condition for allowance.

Applicant has also amended claim 7 to incorporate the recitations of claim 6 from which it depends and has canceled claim 6 without prejudice. Dependent claims 8-10 and 15 have been amended to depend from claim 7. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 7-10 and 15 are in condition for allowance.

In view of the above, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

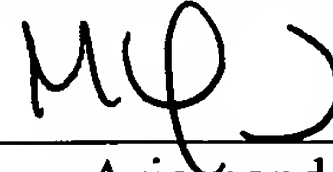
If, for any reason, the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, Applicant requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles telephone number (213) 892-5630 to discuss any steps necessary to place the application in condition for allowance.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing Docket No. 393032038500.

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